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Sir:

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REMARKS

US Patent Application No. 09/404,555, filed September 23, 1999 is a co-pending US patent application. This application and the present application are commonly owned. A copy of US Patent Application No. 09/404,555 is enclosed herewith.

Listed below are relevant documents cited in the International Search Report mailed on July 27, 1999 in the corresponding International Patent Publication No. WO 99/47691, published September 23, 1999. A copy of the Report is enclosed, together with copies of these documents.


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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents identified in this paper and in the attached Form PTO-1449 during the course of examination of this application.

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